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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 2459

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AG, SW

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR EDELSTAM TO ALGERIA

1. RELIABLE MFA SOURCES HAVE INFORMED US THAT SWEDEN'S MOST FLAMBOYANT AND PUBLICIZED DIPLOMAT, AMBASSADOR HARALD EDELSTAM, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ALGERIA. AGREEMENT NOT YET RECEIVED. HE IS LONGTIME CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO BELIEVES IN "ACTIVISM" FOR WORTHY CAUSES. KNOWN HERE AS "BLACK PIMPERNEL," HIS LATEST ADVENTURES AS AMBASSADOR TO CHILE GOT HIM EXPELLED PNG IN DEC. 1973. HE HAS BEEN COOLING HIS HEELS SINCE, WHILE FORNMIN ANDERSSON TRIED TO DECIDE WHERE HE COULD CAUSE THE LEAST TROUBLE. ALGIERS APPARENTLY FITS THE BILL. HE WANTED WARSAW BUT CAN HARDLY REFUSE TO GO TO ONE OF THE LEADING COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD.

2. WHILE ON LEAVE EDELSTAM HAS TRAVELLED TO CUBA, THE US, AND OTHER PLACES AND HAS BEEN MUCH IN THE NEWS. HIS CLASSIFIED REPORT ON CUBA, A RATHER NAIVE PAEAN, WAS LEAKED TO THE PRESS LAST WEEK BY SOME OF HIS ENEMIES IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO ARE NUMEROUS.

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3. POUCHING BIO TO ALGIERS. SANTIAGO MIGHT WANT
TO FILL IN DETAILS.
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